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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home Community Based Service (HCBS) Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Prior Authorization of Selected Waiver Services - Providers

EFFECTIVE: September 1, 2010

The purpose of this letter is to explain Senate File 2088 Division XXXIV that requires the Department of Human Services to develop a mechanism that triggers a review of payments for services provided under an HCBS waiver that are in excess of the median amount for payments through the waiver. The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise has calculated the median costs of waiver service based on actual units of services utilized in FY 2009. The median cost information will be entered into ISIS and when service plans indicate costs of services over the median, the plan will require authorization by IME Medical Services before the services can be delivered. Criteria developed by the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Medical Services and approved by the Department of Human Services will be used to evaluate the medical necessity of requests for services over the median. It will be the responsibility of case managers and service workers to provide justification for services and/or evidence that those services are meeting the member's needs in the most cost effective manner. In this new process the provider documentation that supports the member's treatment needs and response to treatment will be key information for service workers and case managers to have in evaluating effective use of program dollars.

The following services will be included in the prior authorization process:

Consumer Choice Options	Consumer Directed Attendant Care
Home & Vehicle Modification	Interim Medical Monitoring & Treatment
Prevocational Services	Respite
Supported Community Living member (20 years of age or younger)	Specialized Medical Equipment
Environmental Modifications, Adaptive Devices	Family & Community Support Services
In-Home Family Therapy	

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Medical Service Unit at 1-800-383-1173, locally 515-256-4623. Additional information regarding prior authorization of waiver services can be found at <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/HCBS/HCBSindex.html#search='HCBS'>.